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SUBJECT: PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION OF FOREIGN ACADEMIC
MS GRANTEES

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1. BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF ACADEMIC GRANTEES (SIX FOREIGN STUDENT GRANTS), PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION CONSISTS OF INDIVIDUAL BRIEFINGS BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. THESE BRIEFINGS ARE THOROUGH AND A SPECIAL EFFORT IS MADE TO INTRODUCE STUDENT GRANTEES TO FORMER GRANTEES WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE SAME UNIVERSITY. WHENEVER, POSSIBLE, THE POST ALSO PROVIDES INTRODUCTIONS TO GRANTEES PRESENTLY IN THE U.S. TO AID IN THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS.

2. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION SEMINARS FOR VENEZUELAN STUDENTS PLANNING U.S. STUDY HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VENEZUELA AND AUVA (ASSOCIATION OF U.S. UNIVERSITY GRADUATES). GRANTEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. FIVE COPIES OF THE MOST RECENT PROGRAM WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

3. PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS CONSIDERED ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR FOREIGN STUDENT GRANTEES INCLUDE: "INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE LIFE, MEANINGS, VALUES, AND COMMITMENT" BY BELL.

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BRUKHARDT AND LAWHEAD; "MEET THE U.S.A. " BY HENRY STEELE

CONMAGER; "EL SISTEMA DE EDUCACION EN LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS", "LA VIDA UNIVERSITARIA EN LOS STADOS UNIDOS",
AND STUDENT TRAVELERS INFORMATION.

4. THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS ORGANIZING ORIENTATION FOR
GRANTEES UNDER ITS MASSIVE HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM "GRAN MARISCAL DE AYACUCHO". ORIENTATION FOR THOSE
PLACED IN U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BY FLETCHER
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